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June 14, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
CHANGE IN WORK FOR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
HACIENDA CHANNEL - LA PLATA AVENUE DRAIN
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001332
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval for a change in work for the Hacienda Channel - La Plata Avenue Drain Project in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that the recommended action is within the scope of the previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the change in work of \$700,000 related to additional project work and extra costs associated with addressing various utility conflicts and plan revisions for Project ID No. FCC0001332, Hacienda Channel - La Plata Avenue Drain in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights with Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the change in work is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to modify the construction contract with Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., to perform additional work and compensate the contractor for the extra costs associated with addressing various utility conflicts and plan revisions.

On March 9, 2021, the Board approved the Hacienda Channel - La Plata Avenue Drain Project and delegated authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the project. It includes replacing approximately 3,500 linear feet of storm drain and associated trench roadway pavement. The construction contract was executed on June 16, 2021, for a total contract amount of \$2,292,502.

While performing exploratory excavations to locate existing utilities, the contractor discovered several conflicting utility lines. The conflicts required a redesign of the original drain alignment to avoid these conflicts.

This change order is necessary to compensate the contractor for the extra costs associated with delaying the construction work and the additional work required as a result of the utility conflicts and plan revisions. The proposed extra work costs exceed Public Works' delegated authority limit, which requires Board approval.

The additional work will increase the contract amount by up to \$700,000 and will add 40 additional working days to the construction time. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2023.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The change in work will have no impact on the County General Fund.

The original contract was approved for \$2,292,502.

This action would approve a change in work for an increase of \$700,000 for a revised total contract amount of \$2,992,502 (see Enclosure).

Funding for this change in work is included in the Flood Fund (B07 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract for construction of this improvement was awarded on May 17, 2021, to Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., in accordance with the State Public Contract Code and the Board's directives.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 9, 2021, the Board found this project categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301 (c) and (d) and 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (c) and (x) (2) and Class 2, Subsection (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. These exemptions provide for reconstruction of existing storm drains and resurfacing of roadways. The proposed changes in work are also categorically exempt from CEQA under the same sections.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for work resulting from a change to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The cost is negotiated as provided under the provisions of the contract specifications.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested changes by the Board will ensure the timely completion of the work under the contract.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

ENCLOSURE
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Project Description:

The replacement of approximately 3,500 linear feet of storm drain and associated trench roadway pavement.

Contractor:

Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc.

Change in Work:

Additional work and costs associated with addressing utility conflicts
\$700,000.00

Description of Changes:

This change order is necessary to compensate the contractor for the extra costs associated with delaying the construction work and the additional work required as a result of utility conflicts and plan revisions.

The costs for this work shall be based on Section 7-4 of the contract specifications.

Forty additional working days will be added to the contract time resulting from this change.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$2,292,502.00
Change in work to be approved	<u>700,000.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u><u>\$2,992,502.00</u></u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	31%